

Tinda Creek Sand Project Community Consultative Committee – Annual Report for 2021

CCC / Project Name:	Tinda Creek Sand Project Community Consultative Committee	Reporting Period:	March 2020 to March 2021
Independent Chairperson:	Lisa Andrews	Proponent Contact:	Darryl Thiedeke

1. Executive Summary

The Tinda Creek Quarry is operated by Hy-Tec Concrete and is located approximately 67 kms north of Windsor along Putty Road, NSW.

The quarry is adjacent to the greater Blue Mountains world Heritage Area and Yengo National Park and has been operating at the site for approximately 30 years.

In 2017 approval was granted for an extension to the project.

The CCC was established in 2016 and operates in accordance with the guidelines. The membership consists of:

- Three local community representatives
- One stakeholder group delegate (Putty Community Association)
- Three company representatives; and
- One Independent Chairperson.

The meetings are held bi-annually (May and October).

The committee receives information from the project operators regarding its compliance with the conditions of consent.

The CCC is an effective communication forum between the community and the company.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- The committee met in May 2020 and October 2020 (both remotely, due to COVID-19 restrictions). Note: The presentations were sent to members with the chair coordinating questions and responses, which were included in the minutes.
- This is a small committee and attendance is consistent, with apologies recorded due to competing obligations experienced by volunteer members.
- The operational activities and production were severely impacted due to drought conditions. The property was then impacted by bush fires in the region and more recently, flooding in the lower township.
- Ground water monitoring presentation.
- Environmental Monitoring and Rehabilitation Program.
- The transfer of the approved off-set area (106 hectares) to the National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Site rehabilitation.

- Wild dog and fox baiting program undertaken.
- Production volumes on site were reduced due to low rainfall resulting in a lack of water for processing, impacts from the Gospers Mountain bushfires, etc.
- Assistance was provided to the RFS for firefighting activities with the Gospers Mountain Bushfires (use of water from dam on the project site).
- Subsequently, there was High Rainfall January to April 2020, which restricted transport to and from the site, therefore there were low production rates due to wet and muddy conditions onsite.
- COVID-19 restrictions
- Briefing on Hy-Tech's Work Safe Home Safe Program and excellent results for all employees and contractors with nil lost time injury or accidents sustained onsite.
- Results of independent environmental audit undertaken by consultant (Aguas).
- Complaints register – nil received.
- Donations to the community.

This is a small site, with most of the activities visible from the meeting room where the CCC is held. Inspections are undertaken at members' request.

3. Key issues

Trending topics of committee discussion can be summarised as:

Issue	Actions Taken	Outcome
Truck movements to and from the site	Drivers operate under a Drivers Code of Conduct and the company demands strict compliance.	Ongoing monitoring by company.
Groundwater/Bore Updates	Due to the prolonged drought conditions, the community are always interested in receiving groundwater monitoring information.	Ongoing. Presentation to be provided to October 2020 CCC.
Rehabilitation	Ongoing presentations.	Ongoing.
Native Wildlife Protection	In order to protect the vulnerable wildlife Hy-Tec continue to work with the NSW Local Land Services and National Parks and Wildlife to manage the surrounding bushland and to control introduced species to the area.	Ongoing.

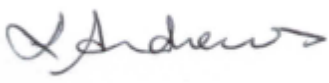
4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2021 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Regular updates on environmental monitoring; including noise, dust, groundwater and fauna as well as rehabilitation works.
- Presentation with maps showing bores and information about groundwater resources.
- Drivers' continued compliance with the road rules and driving to conditions in accordance with the Drivers Code of Conduct.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding or emerging issues that have not been addressed.

CCC minutes are available on the project website.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	23 April 2021